GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MINING IN MADHYA PRADESH
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that illegal mining of Bauxite, Chalk(kharia) and Slate (patia patthar) is taking place in forest ranges of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has adversely affected the forest and environment in the State;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have issued or propose to issue any directions to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for checking such illegal mining; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and follow up action taken by Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) There is no specific information with the Government regarding organised illegal mining of Bauxite, Chalk and Slate in forest ranges of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.